Claims

- 1. An umbrella carrier adapted to receive a folded umbrella and provided with attachment means for removably securing it to an article of luggage, and which includes a holster-like perforated support element having openings which are closed internally by water repellent porous fabric.
- 2. An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 1 in which the perforated support element is provided as a substantially cylindrical tube.
- 3. An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 in which the perforated support element is lined with water repellent porous fabric in the form of a sleeve.
- 4. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 in which said perforated support element is made from a synthetic plastics material.
- 5. An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 1, claim 2 or claim 3 in which said perforated support element is made from metal.
- 6. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any of the preceding claims in which the attachment means is adapted to engage a carrying handle or strap on the article of luggage with which it is to be used.
- 7. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any of the preceding claims in which the attachment means includes attachable clips.
- 8. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the attachment means includes a pair of hooks which can be resiliently adjusted to engage the luggage.

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- 9. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the perforated support element is formed as an open mesh or lattice.
- 10. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any one of preceding claims 1 to 9 in which the perforated support element is flexible and its general cross-section is restrictive in relation to the cross-section of the umbrella with which it is to be used so that the support element resiliently deforms slightly when the umbrella is inserted and acts to retain it in place.
- 11. An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 11 in which the cross-section of the perforated support element is slightly oval.
- 12. An umbrella carrier as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 1 to 9 in which the perforated support element is split along its length to provide an opening, and including means for adjusting the cross-sectional diameter of the support element to accommodate umbrellas of different sizes.
- 13. An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 11 in which the means for adjusting the cross-sectional diameter of the support element is provided by the inherent resilience of the material from which it is made.
- 14. An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 13 including retaining means for holding the adjusted support element in position.